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1. MOFA DIRECTOR OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS CHOU TUNG-HUA, TOLD POL COUNS JANUARY 27 OF TWO RECENT AND FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONDUCT OF GROU UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS:

A. FIVE PERSONS FROM THE RTG MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARRIVED IN TAIPEI "WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS" FROM BANGKOK TO SET UP AN OFFICE HERE TO PERFORM ALL CONSULAR FUNCTIONS. THE OFFICE IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED SHORTLY AFTER LUNAR NEW YEAR AND WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS AN ADJUNCT TO THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL (TAI). THE FIVE-MAN GROUP IS HEADED BY AN INDIVIDUAL HAVING THE RANK OF CONSUL AND HE IS EXPECTED TO ASSUME THE TITLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER TO THE LOCAL TAI OFFICE. CHOU SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THE OFFICE HOPED TO PROVIDE

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72-HOUR VISA SERVICE BY TRANSMITTING APPLICATIONS

TO THE THAI CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG.

B. A THREE-PARTY ADVANCED TEAM FROM MANILA HEADED BY EX-AMBASSADOR SIMEON ROXAS, AND INCLUDING A RETIRED DIPLOMAT NAMED GUZON, AND A "JUNIOR OFFICER" NAMED LEYESA, ARRIVED TAIPEI ON JANUARY 25 TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE ASIA EXCHANGE CENTER. ITS PRIMARY TASK IS TO LOCATE OFFICE SPACE. ROXAS WILL FLY BACK TO PHILIPPINES OVER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS IN MANILA BEFORE RETURNING HERE PERMANENTLY AS HEAD OF THE NEW OFFICE. ACCORDING TO CHOU, THE NEW OFFICE IS EXPECTED TO OPEN "IN ONE OR TWO MONTHS".

2. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS BUT IN MEANTIME WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS EMBASSIES BANGKOK AND MANILA HAVE TO OFFER. POPPLE

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